

Montana Sportsmen ALLIANCE

Voice of Reason on Montana Fish and Wildlife Issues

SENATE FISH AND GAME
EXHIBIT NO. 3
DATE 2-19-13
BILL NO. SB 341

TO THE SENATE FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS COMMITTEE:

RE: SB 341-AN ACT ESTABLISHING CRITERIA FOR THE TRANSPLANTATION OR AUGMENTATION OF CERTAIN WILDLIFE SPECIES

POSITION: Montana Sportsmen Alliance hereby goes on record **ADAMANTLY OPPOSING** this bill based on the following reasons:

- The requirements of this bill would effectively eliminate most, if not all, future augmentations in Montana including bear transplants, trumpeter swans, sheep transplants etc.
- With the current attacks on FWP funding, it would be impossible to “identify a long-term, stable funding source to be used for future management actions related to the transplation or augmentation effort”.
- This is just one of many attempts in this legislative session to take control of wildlife management from the FWP.
- While “sound science” is briefly mentioned, it is apparent that this bill relegates science to low priority in the decision making process.

Once again we would like to state our **ADAMANT OPPOSITION** for SB 341.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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